

Fundamentals (9.a): Safer Consumer Products Program Implementation

Implement the Safer Consumer Products Regulation, reducing chemicals of concern that could result in adverse public health and environmental impacts.

Goal: Reduce exposures to chemicals of concern in products that could result in adverse public health and environmental impacts by implementing DTSC's new Safer Consumer Products regulations. This will include identifying and prioritizing chemicals of concern in consumer products, providing guidance to manufacturers on how to conduct alternative analyses, and putting in place an organization capable of meeting the technical and administrative needs of the program.

Much of the scientific and technical work to implement the regulations involves new and unique approaches and challenges. DTSC will be focusing on a small number of products in order to gain experience and knowledge to refine implementation of these regulations. Even with a limited number of priority products identified, DTSC will face a heavy workload in deploying a program that manages large amounts of data, while concurrently providing the maximum amount of transparency and maintaining necessary security for confidential documents and data.

Timeline:

April – June 2013:

- Submit Safer Consumer Product regulations to the Office of Administrative Law
- Identify and implement interim data and document management plan for short term program needs
- In conjunction with the Office of External Affairs, develop a Safer Consumer Products Implementation web page
- Finalize Feasibility Study Report for long term Information Technology solution
- Establish specific goals, mission and membership for a new Green Ribbon Science Panel (GRSP)
- Establish new conflict of interest policy, procedure and training focused on SCP regulations implementation work
- Finalize detailed work plans for key program initiatives and projects

July – September 2013:

- Post the informational list of Candidate Chemicals on the DTSC web site
- Finalize First Stage Alternatives Analysis Guidance Document
- Develop a GRSP work plan

October 2013 – March 2014:

- Conduct preliminary Priority Products (PP) workshops for PP listing and establishing the 3 Year Workplan

- Release public notice for initial proposed Priority Products
- Develop draft Priority Product 3 Year Workplan
- Finalize Second Stage Alternatives Analysis Guidance Document